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greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

What's with all the alien pictures? You're sending in so many space related drawings that I'm beginning to feel homesick! If the rest of you want to see what I'm talking about, this issue's Graphic Zone will reveal where I'm coming from!

Meanwhile, back to earth, here's the lowdown on the comic...

There's a *mighty* challenge ahead for Sonic and Chaotix as they try to trace the whereabouts of Blockhead Bill and his dinosaur buddy. Uncover more dark secrets in part two of *STC*'s first thrilling story: **Root**!

Another second installment is **The Take-over** where intruders have broken through the Floating Island's defences, leaving Knuckles in grave danger - once again!

Amy and Tekno are still travelling through time and space, discovering other worlds. They have materialised on Planet Granite and you can find out how they adapt in **Prehistoric Ways**. If you want to see how Amy looked before she reinvented herself, check out the first part of **Girl Trouble**. STC takes you back to the time when Doctor Robotnik had control of Planet Mobius, and associating with Sonic was a criminal offence! Mmm, that makes me think of the humes around here who need locking up!

Anyway, enough from me, but remember to get those bikes gleaming in preparation of next issues FREE *STC* Bike Stickers. They're *wheely* cool!

Megadroid

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PART 2

SONIC ROOTS

Script: NIGEL KITCHING • Art: RICHARD ELSON • Lettering: ELLIE de'VILLE

CHAOTIX ARE ON A MISSION, A MISSION WHICH TAKES THEM OUTSIDE OF NEW TEK CITY.

CHAOTIX

THAT'S THE GUY ALL RIGHT...

THAT'S THE FACE THAT APPEARED IN THE SKY, VECTOR... JUST BEFORE BLOCKHEAD BILL AND HIS DINOSAUR BUDDY DISAPPEARED!

YES SONIC, HIS NAME IS ROOT...

UNTIL TODAY I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A LEGEND... A STORY THAT WAS TOLD TO FRIGHTEN FOLK!

BUT IT SEEMS THE 'LEGEND' WAS ALL TOO TRUE!

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MANDRAKE SWAMP STANDS AN ANCIENT CASTLE...

YOU HAVE FAILED ME, BLOCKHEAD BILL!

HEY NOW, WAIT JUST ONE COTTON-PICKING MINUTE!

I INTENDED TO DO WHAT YOU WANTED, BUT AFTER I ARRIVED IN NEW TEK CITY, I WAS ATTACKED BY MY OLD ENEMY, THE CRIMSON COBRA!

NO BILL, YOU WERE NOT!

IT WAS YOU WHO ATTACKED SONIC THE HEDGE-HOG!

LOOK, WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE HE WASN'T THE CRIMSON COBRA?

BECAUSE HE'S BLUE, AND HE'S A HEDGE-HOG!

WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT...

COME TO THINK OF IT, HE DID KEEP YELLING: "I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, NOT THE CRIMSON COBRA!"

GIVE ME THE VIAL.

ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS PUT THIS CHEMICAL IN THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY...A *SIMPLE* TASK!

BLOCKHEAD BILL... YOU'RE AN *IDIOT!*

WATCH YOUR *MOUTH*, SONNY!

IT IS YOU WHO WILL TAKE CARE, FOOL!

AGGH!

I CONTROL YOUR *MIND*... NEVER *FORGET* THAT!

AT *ANY* TIME I CAN COMMAND YOUR BRAIN TO SHUT DOWN... *PERMANENTLY!*

MASTER! WE HAVE *COMPANY!*

EXCELLENT! THIS IS JUST WHAT WE NEED...*NEW SLAVES!*

PHEW! CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT SMELL, ESPIO?

NO WONDER NOBODY EVER COMES HERE, MIGHTY!

OH, I DON'T KNOW... I THINK IT'S QUITE A NICE AROMA.

SHUT UP, CHARMY!

SO HERE I AM... HEADING INTO A STINKING SWAMP TO RESCUE THE TWOSOME WHO TRIED TO KILL ME!

THESE SORT OF THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME IN THE SPECIAL ZONE!

THIS PLACE IS UNBELIEVABLE!

AHH... GUYS, I THINK I'M IN TROUBLE HERE...

STAY COOL, VECTOR... I'LL SOON HAVE YOU OUT OF THERE!

HEY... WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'RE NOT BUDGING!

FEELS LIKE SOMETHING HAS HOLD OF MY LEGS!

GOT YOU!

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW, ESPIO, BUT WHATEVER IT IS HAS BROUGHT ITS ENTIRE FAMILY WITH IT!

GET THEM! GET THEM!

GET THEM FOR ROOT!

FLUP

UGH... IT'S LIKE PUNCHING A RICE PUDDING!

LET'S SEE HOW YOU HOLD UP AGAINST MY SONIC SPIN ATTACK!

I GUESS THAT SHOWED HIM, SONIC!

OH SHUT UP, ESPIO!

HEY, SPLITTING IN TWO ISN'T FAIR!

ACCH!

SPLAT

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE... THESE CREATURES ARE JUST TOO DISGUSTING!

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

YOU'RE COMING WITH US! OH YES!

LOOK OUT!

FUSHOOOM!

WHAT?

NO PROBLEM! I'LL JUST WHIP UP A VORTEX AND GET RID OF THIS JUNK!

IT'S NO USE RUNNING, SONIC. THE SPORES ACT TOO FAST TO ESCAPE!

NOTHING IS AS FAST AS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, BUDDY!

OF... OF COURSE...

I COULD... BE...

WRONG...

NEXT ISSUE: PRISONERS!

PREHISTORIC WAYS

A NEW COMPLETE STORY

Script: LEW STRINGER
B & w art: BOB CORONA
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Lettering: GORDON ROBSON

PLANET GRANITE – A MILLION LIGHT YEARS FROM MOBILIS...

AMY AND TEKNO ARE TRAVELLING THROUGH TIME AND SPACE, DISCOVERING OTHER WORLDS!

SO THIS IS THE FIRST PLANET THE *RING OF ETERNITY* HAS SENT US TO!

WHEW! WE WON'T NEED COATS IN THIS HEAT!

AMY! WE'RE *MATERIALISING!*

WOW! ALIENS!

WELL, I GUESS *WE'RE* THE ALIENS, BEING THE *VISITORS* HERE!

LOOKS LIKE CIVILISATION IS JUST STARTING HERE!

THEY SEEM FRIENDLY ENOUGH!

RRRAAGH! ATTACK!

THESE ONES DON'T!

OW! MY TENTACLES!

HAH! MEEK TRIBE WEAK! THICKSKULL TRIBE STRONG!

LET'S HELP OUT!

I'M WITH YOU ON THAT, AMY!

HAH! MORE SMALLER ONES! EASY TO CRUSH!

FIRST IMPRESSIONS AREN'T ALWAYS RIGHT, BOZO!

SHANNG!

BWHAM!

AIEE! STRANGERS HAVE POWERFUL MAGIC!

FLEE!

COWARDS!

THANK YOU, STRANGERS! WHAT IS THAT MAGIC STICK YOU USED!

I OFFER YOU TEN PEBBLES FOR IT!

WE COULD TEACH THEM HOW TO MAKE THEIR OWN WEAPONS, AMY!

YEAH, BUT WOULD IT BE HELPFUL?

I'M SURE THEY'D ONLY USE WEAPONS IN *SELF DEFENCE!*

MAYBE, BUT THE OTHER TRIBE MIGHT RESPOND BY MAKING *BIGGER* WEAPONS! IT COULD START A *WAR!*

YOU'RE RIGHT! IF ONLY THERE WAS A COOL ALTERNATIVE!

TEKNO! THAT'S IT!

HEY, LISTEN, I'VE GOT A *PLAN!*

LATER...

THE *THICKSKULL TRIBE* ARE ATTACKING AGAIN!

REMEMBER THE PLAN, GUYS!

UH? WHY ARE THEY *LAUGHING* AT US?

YOU THICKSKULLS ARE *LIVING IN THE PAST!* DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S *OLD HAT* TO FIGHT?

AW!

EVERYONE SETTLES THEIR DIFFERENCES AROUND THE TABLE THESE DAYS!

...BUT WE WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO BASHING YOUR BRAINS IN!

NOW, LET'S SEE IF WE CAN FIND OUT THE CAUSE OF YOUR ANGER!

IT WORKED, AMY! THEY JUST MIGHT DEVELOP INTO A NON-VIOLENT CULTURE NOW!

HEY! WE'RE FADING AWAY!

THE *RING OF ETERNITY* IS SENDING US TO OUR *NEXT* DESTINATION!

WELL, WE HELPED TO PREVENT *WAR* IN THAT WORLD!

YEAH, BUT WE INVENTED *CUCUMBER SANDWICHES!* I'M NOT SO SURE THAT THAT'S A *GOOD* THING!

The End.

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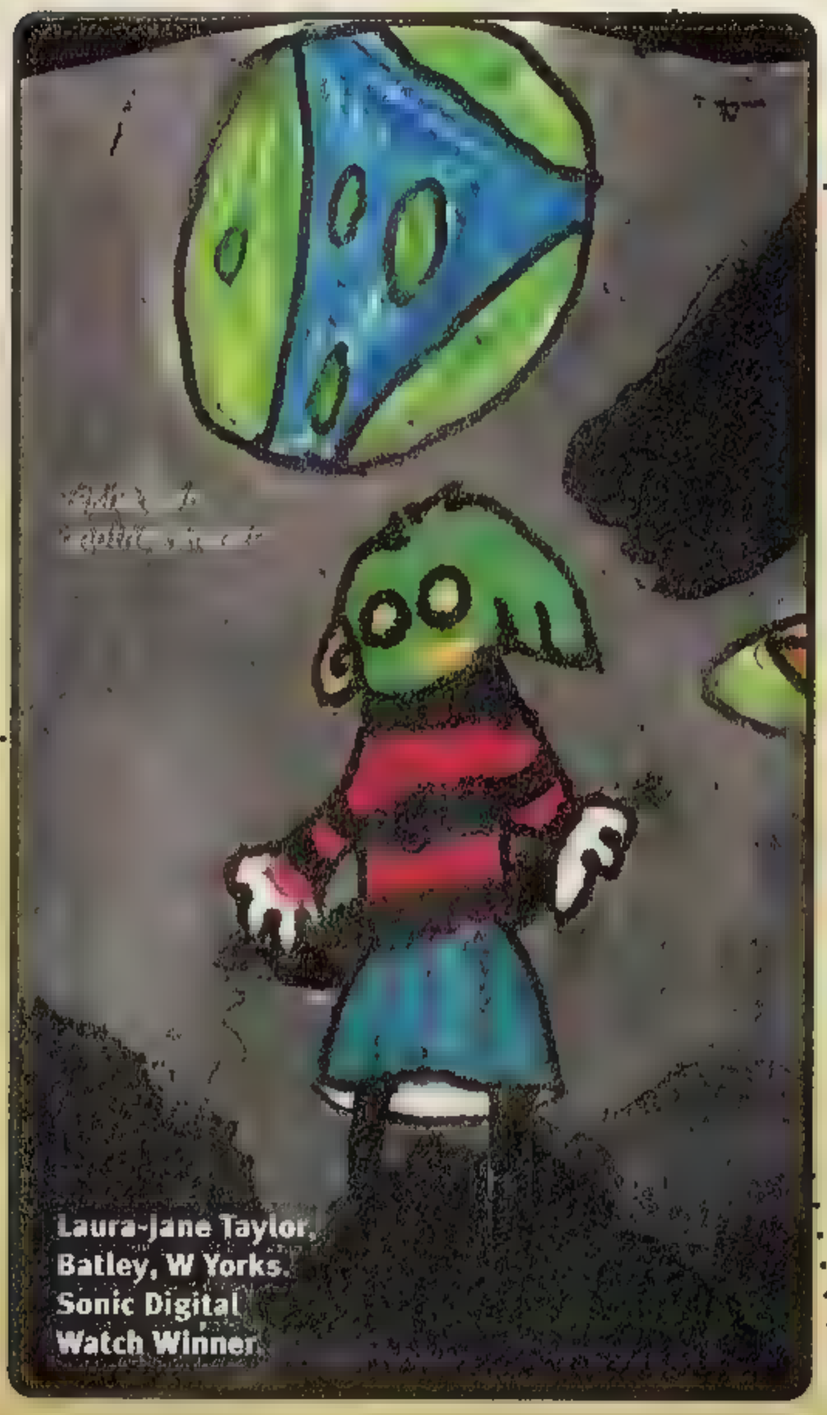

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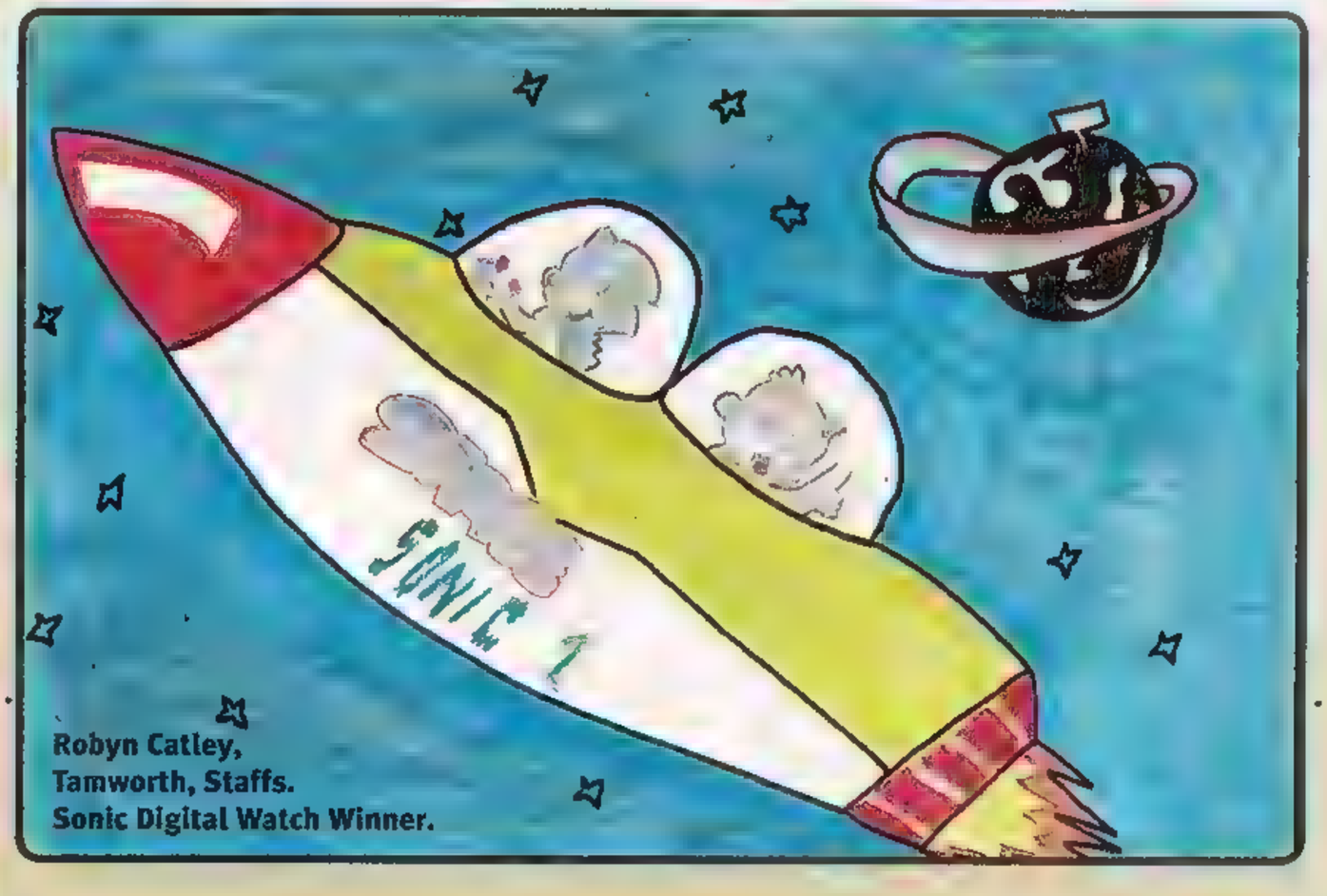

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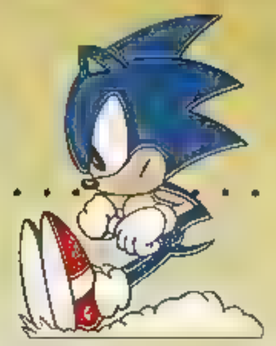

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SEEING REO

Dear Megadroid,

I'm writing to complain as I think there is too much of Knuckles in the comic (even Tails had to put up with him at one time!). Don't think that I say this because I'm siding with Sonic, because he's got a cheese sandwich for a brain! I'm sorry to put this on you, but I am a Tails fan (who I think would benefit from a girlfriend!).

Craig Thompson, St Austell, Cornwall.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

I'm sure Tails is grateful for your compliments Craig, but I don't know what Sonic and Knuckles are going to say. Don't forget they know where you live!

TALE TIED

Dear Megadroid,

I would like to know more about Tails who's the only fox I know of who can fly. When he flies I presume he spins both his tails around, but surely it must hurt if they get tangled up? Also, why is he as big as Sonic? I mean... a fox who's bigger than a hedgehog?

Marcus Webb,
Bolton, Lancs.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Tails has so far sprained his tails, and had them tied together, but you'll have to keep reading for a twist in the tail! Foxes are bigger than hedgehogs, Marcus.

Daniel Hannam, Gillingham, Dorset. Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Knuckles gets into gear for STC 137's free Bike Stickers!

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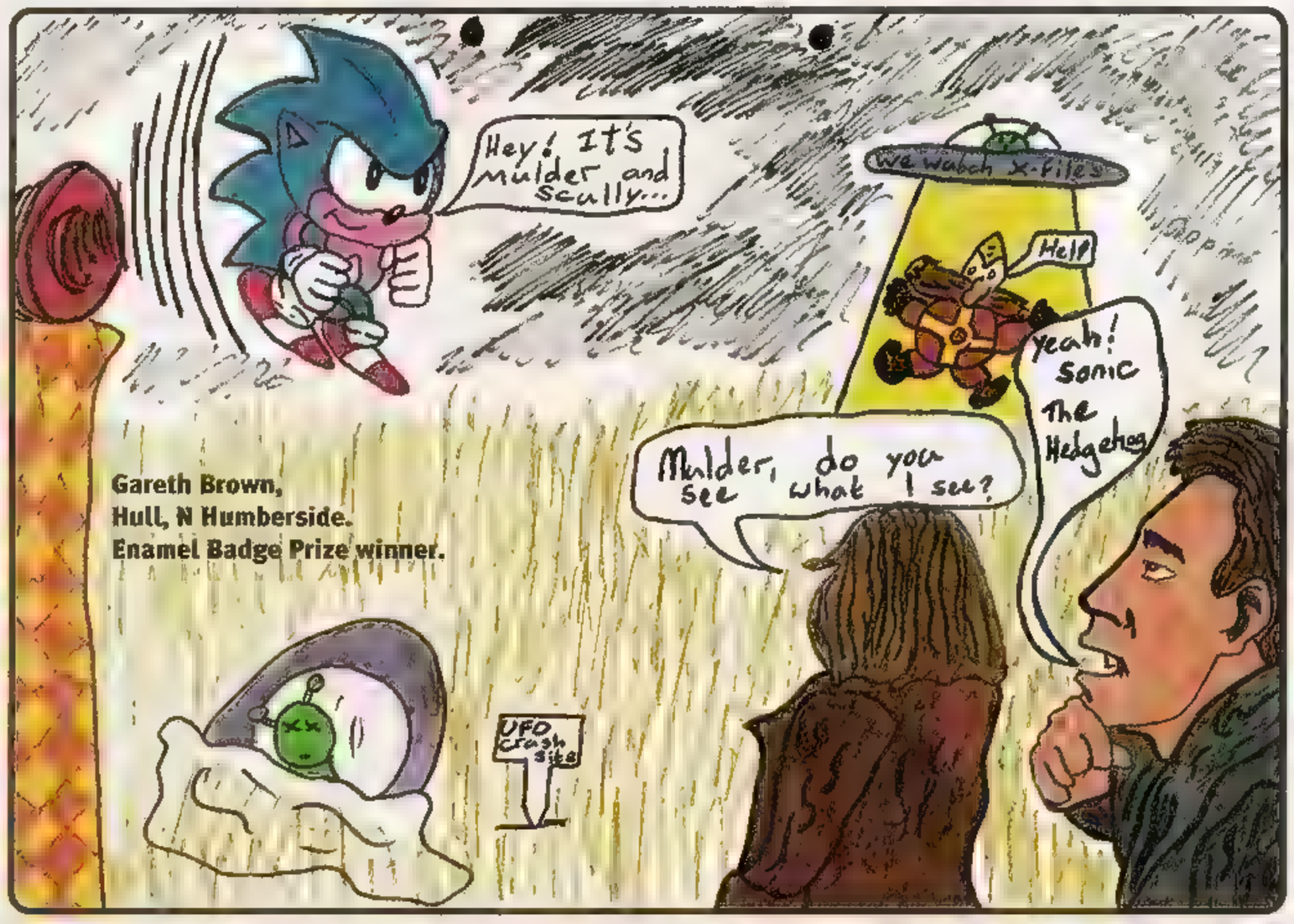

Gareth Brown,
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Enamel Badge Prize winner.

PRAISE BEE CHAOTIX

Dear Megadroid,

I am really glad that the Chaotix Crew have come back for a four issue run. Can you please tell Charmee Bee that I think he's cute and can you let me know what his powers are exactly? If you do this for me, I'd bee really happy!

Robert, Loanhead, Midlothian, Scotland.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Awful pun, Robert! Charmee's plus point as far as Chaotix are concerned is his family's wealth which enables the rest of the crew to operate.

FOUR INTRUDERS HAVE BROKEN THROUGH THE **FLOATING ISLAND'S** DEFENCES.

KNUCKLES' FIRST MEETING WITH THEM HASN'T GONE TOO WELL...

THEY USED SOME KIND OF BEAM ON ME... I CAN'T **SEE!**

PART 2

THE TAKE-OVER

KNUCKLES

SCRIPT: NIGEL KITCHING • ART: NIGEL DOBBYN • LETTERING: TOM FRAME

GOT TO **GLIDE**... HOPE I CAN FIND **SOMETHING** TO GRAB HOLD OF!

CHAKK!

I DID IT!

NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WAIT A FEW MOMENTS UNTIL I CAN SEE AGAIN!

MY SIGHT... IT'S RETURNING! NOW AT LEAST I HAVE A CHANCE!

WHEN I GET BACK UP THERE, THOSE STRANGERS WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT THEM!

I'VE HAD TOUGHER CREEPS THAN THEM TRY TO STEAL THE CHAOS EMERALDS!

WHAT? OH NO!

I'LL ONLY GET ONE CHANCE!

THAT WAS WAY TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!

THE VINES CAN'T HOLD MY WEIGHT!

THIS IS TURNING INTO ONE OF THOSE DAYS!

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN CLIMB BACK UP NOW... BUT, IF I'M RIGHT, THAT HATCH LEADS INTO THE ISLAND'S ANCIENT TUNNEL SYSTEM!

KRANGGG!

NOW, IF ONLY I CAN REMEMBER MY WAY AROUND TH—

SOME DAYS, I WISH SOMEBODY ELSE WAS THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!

YAAAAAAA!

MEANWHILE, THE VILLAINS KNOWN AS ALPHA, BETA, GAMMA AND DELTA PROCEED WITH THEIR PLAN.

ALL RIGHT, THAT TAKES CARE OF THE ISLAND'S SO-CALLED GUARDIAN!

NOW LET'S DO WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO!

HOWEVER, PORKER LEWIS IS WATCHING ON THE EMERALD CHAMBER VIEWER...

OH DEAR... OH DEAR ME. WHAT SHALL I DO?

KNUCKLES IS GONE... HE'LL HAVE HAD TO GLIDE DOWN TO MOBIUS!

I'M ALONE!

THESE FLIPPING CHAOS EMERALDS! THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO GET THEIR GREEDY LITTLE HANDS ON THEM!

WAIT, I'VE GOT IT!

THE ISLAND'S GUARDIAN ROBOTS... THEY CAN STOP ALMOST ANYONE!

ALL RIGHT, SLOW DOWN, WE'RE ALMOST THERE...

WELL, MR DELTA? WE'RE ON A TIGHT SCHEDULE!

WAIT... THAT'S THE ONE! A SECRET TUNNEL FROM THAT PYRAMID WILL LEAD US STRAIGHT INT...

INTRUDERS HALT! STAND PERFECTLY STILL OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!

NEXT ISSUE:
THE POWER OF THE ROBOTS!

Sonic THE HEDGEHOG

GIRL TROUBLE PART 1

SINCE ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER PLANET MOBIUS* LIFE IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE HAS NEVER BEEN QUITE THE SAME...

IT'S NO USE HIDING, CITIZEN, WE KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE!

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S IN TROUBLE, BOB!

YUP!

*SEE STC NO. 9

ASSOCIATING WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE. AMY ROSE, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT SONIC! WE'RE IN LOVE!

LOOKS LIKE AMY'S BEEN GOING AROUND SAYING SHE'S SONIC'S GIRLFRIEND AGAIN...

SONIC'S GOING TO BE PRETTY MAD WHEN HE HEARS ABOUT THAT...

...AND I SHOULD KNOW.

READY JOHNNY?

READY, BOB. OR SHOULD I SAY...

Script: Nigel Kitching **Art:** Richard Elson **Lettering:** Ellie de'Ville

...SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

UH OH, IT'S *HIM* AGAIN!

HURRY!

OKAY JOHNNY, LET'S DO IT!

RIGHT BEHIND YOU, SONIC!

'WEAPON X'? HOW CORNY CAN YOU GET!

BDDNG!

BNNNNN!

WE CAN'T TAKE THIS FOR LONG! QUICKLY USE WEAPON X!

SHOOM!

HAH! MISSED BY A MILE!

MISSED *US*, SURE... BUT WHAT ABOUT THE *EMERALD HILL FOLK*?

THIS CALLS ...

... FOR A SERIOUS BURST OF ...

... SONIC ...

... SPEED!

CEDRIC!

MUM!

UH OH!

HEY, KID. DIDN'T YOUR MOTHER TELL YOU NOT TO PLAY WITH *SHARP OBJECTS!*

NICE WORK, SONIC, NOT A SCRATCH ON ANYONE!

NOT NICE ENOUGH, BUD. LOOK, THE BADNIK'S ARE WARPING OUT, HEADING BACK TO ROBOTNIK IN THE *SPECIAL ZONE!*

AMY GOT HERSELF INTO THIS — BUT SHE'S GOING TO EXPECT US TO GET HER OUT!

WOMEN!

THE SPECIAL ZONE. HEADQUARTERS OF A CERTAIN DESPISED DICTATOR...

WHAT?

YOU WANT TO CHANGE MY IMAGE?

M-MISTER THOMAS AND I KINDA PLANNED A COMPLETE MAKE OVER FOR YOU, DOCTOR R.

MILLER'S RIGHT. THE PEOPLE. THEY JUST DON'T LIKE YOU, MAN!

I'M A MERCILESS, POWER-CRAZED DICTATOR, YOU IDIOTS! I DON'T CARE WHETHER THE PEOPLE LIKE ME OR NOT!

HEY, GOOD POINT DOC!

BUT THOSE BUFFOONS WERE RIGHT IN A WAY, THIS BODY HAS SERVED ITS PURPOSE.

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE...

I WOULDN'T GO IN THERE IF I WERE YOU, GRIMER. THE BOSS IS IN A REALLY UGLY MOOD TODAY.

I'M SURE IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT, MY DEAR. I AM THE DOCTOR'S CHIEF SCIENTIST, AFTER ALL...

MASTER, IS THAT EGG YOU?

I REALLY CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST SAID THAT...

SONIC'S SECRET UNDERGROUND BASE.

NO TIME TO CHAT, GUYS... GOT A RESCUE TO TAKE CARE OF!

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOING AFTER AMY ROSE? I'VE BEEN MONITORING TRANSMISSIONS BY ROBOTNIK'S ARMY, SHE'S BEING HELD IN HIS FORTRESS IN THE SPECIAL ZONE.

THAT'S JUST WHAT I FIGURED, KINTOBOR!

TRAVELLIN' LIGHT ON THIS ONE, SO JUST JOHNNY AND ME ARE GOING!

HANG ON WHILE I GET THE STAR POST CHARGED UP!

I'M NEVER GOING TO GET USED TO USING THESE STAR POSTS FOR HOPPING BETWEEN ZONES!

MOVE IT, LIGHTFOOT! *JUMP* FOR IT!

FA-ZAAK!

SHOULDN'T WE HAVE SOME KIND OF PLAN? RATHER THAN JUST BARGING IN THIS WAY?

NAH! WE'LL BE IN AND OUT OF ROBOTNIK'S FORTRESS BEFORE HE KNOWS WHAT HIT HIM!

HANG ON, BUD, THIS IS A TOUGH ZONE TO NAVIGATE...

THERE'S ROBOTNIK'S *FORTRESS*, BIG AS LIFE AND TWICE AS UGLY!

STAND BACK, BUD, I'LL CUT US THROUGH THAT IN A SECOND...

SKREEKTCH!

BZZZZZZZ!

Y'KNOW JOHNNY-BOY, THIS IS GONNA BE EVEN *EASIER* THAN I THOUGHT!

SECURITY BREACH: SECTOR 14/B.

AUTOMATIC DEFENCES ACTIVATED.

I JUST MAY HAVE SPOKEN TOO SOON ...

SEE? I *TOLD* YOU WE SHOULDA HAD A PLAN!

SURE SONIC, IF YOU SAY SO.

WELL WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

I'M SORRY THE GOOD DOCTOR CAN'T GREET YOU PERSONALLY BUT HE'S, AH JUST ...

DR. ROBOTNIK

"... CHANGING INTO SOMETHING MORE COMFORTABLE!"

KRAK!!

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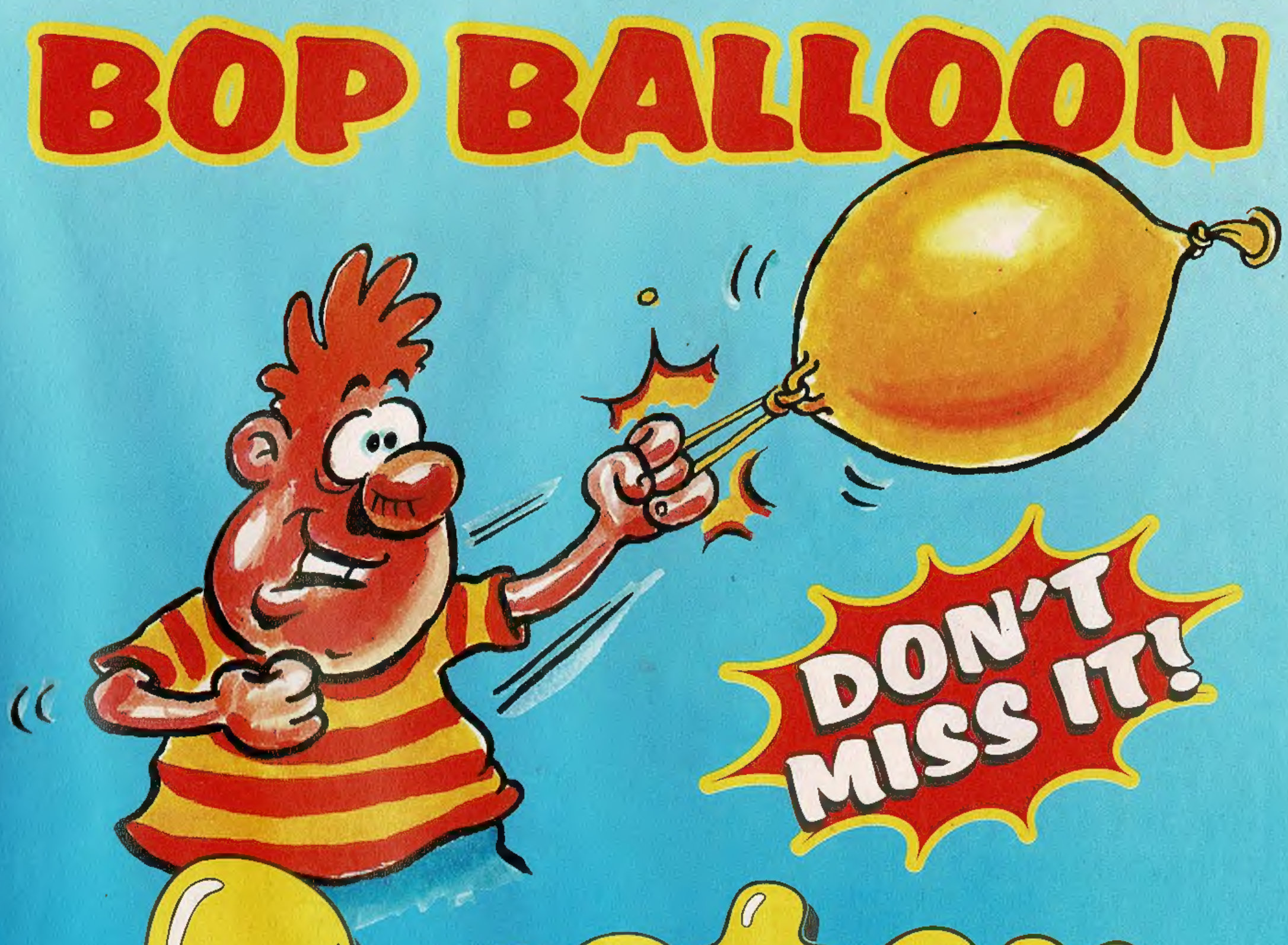
FREE GIFT

IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF BUSTER

BOP BALLOON



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GIFT SHOWN NOT ACTUAL SIZE

NEXT ISSUE

SONIC'S IN THE SADDLE!

FREE BIKE STICKERS!

SONIC & CHAOTIX
DEEP ROOTED TROUBLE!

AMY
PUPPETS ON A STRING!

KNUCKLES
GOING UNDERGROUND!

KEEP COOL THIS SUMMER COMPETITION!

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